



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
David Platt) Confirmation No. 6921
Serial No.: 09/642,617) Examiner: Pramila Parthasarathy
Filing Date: August 17, 2000) Art Unit: 2136
For: DRIVE/HOST LOCKING SYSTEM)

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Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for consideration and entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for providing access between a first party and a second party, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a challenge value using a disk drive controller at said first party;
transmitting said challenge value to said second party;
generating, using a secure hash algorithm, a response value using a combination of a lock value and said challenge value at said second party;
wherein said lock value indicates a desired access mode;
transmitting said response value to said first party, wherein said disk drive controller receives the challenge and lock value; and